

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Food Preparation Workers (35-2021)

Associated Occupation: Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (35-3021)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	13.1	7.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Food Production	2.1	7.7	9.3	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Service Orientation	7.9	8.6	6.0	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
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Speech Recognition	9.9	11.0	7.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	9.9	8.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	9.3	6.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Expression	12.4	9.2	7.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	5.7	4.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	4.5	5.9	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 95

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Clean rooms or work areas	30
Distribute food to waiters or waitresses to serve to customers	95
Operate food preparation equipment	81
Perform a variety of food preparation duties other than cooking	84
Place food on dishes or trays or in takeout bags	92
Prepare appetizers, salads, or cold dishes	80
Prepare beverages	81
Provide customer service	14
Serve food or beverages	70
Understand government health, hotel or food service regulations	68
Use knowledge of food handling rules	71
Wash dishes, glassware, or related utensils	82

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 93

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Conveyors and accessories	18
Cooking and warming equipment	27

Cookware and kitchen tools	33
Data management and query software	1
Food and beverage dispensing equipment	35
Food preparation equipment	24

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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